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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR

REF: A. KL 5702

B. KL 5695

1. SUMMARY: APPROXIMATELY 800 - 1000 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED  
DEC. 3 AT CENTRAL SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN KL IN SYMPATHY WITH  
SMALLHOLDERS AND AGAINST INFLATION AND FOREIGN-OWNED RUBBER  
ESTATES. EMD SUMMARY.

2. DEMO WAS SPONSORED BY STUDENT UNIONS OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES  
AND TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES, AS WELL AS NATIONAL STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS NATIONAL UNION OF MALAYSIAN STUDENTS  
(PKPMGDM STUDENTS BEGAN GATHERING DOWNTOWN SHORTER AFTER 9:00  
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A.M. AND, WHEN SIZEQBLE NUMBER COLLECTED, THEY WERE DISPERSED

BY RIOT POLICE USING TEAR GAS. FROM ALL REPORTS, ATMOSPHERE AT DEMO WAS NOT TENSE AND NO FORCE, OTHER THAN TEAR GAS, WAS USED AGAINST STUDENTS. HOWEVER, BRITISH HEAD OF CHANCERY SAID ACTING POLICE INSPECTOR-GENERAL HANIFF OMAR TOLD HIM TODAY THAT 400 STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED.

3. STUDENT PLACARDS AND BANNERS CALLED ATTENTION TO POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF SMALLHOLDERS AND CONDEMNED FOREIGN CONTROL OF RUBBER ESTATES WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO FIRMS SUCH AS GUTHRIE WAUGH, HARRISON AND CROSSFIELD AND UNIROYAL. ONE TRACT ISSUED BY UNIV. MALAYA SOCIALIST CLUB DENOUNCED FOREIGN INVESTMENT, ALLEGING THAT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT MAKES "SLAVES" OF THE PEOPLE AND ONLY BENEFITS FOREIGN INVESTORS. TRACT ALSO SAID THAT "PEOPLE SUFFER FROM ECONOMY TOO DEPENDENT ON IMPERIALIST POWERS SUCH AS U.S., BRITAIN AND JAPAN."

4. SUBSEQUENT TO DISINTEGRATION OF MAIN DEMO AT MID-DAY, SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS DISRUPTED TRAFFIC ON MAIN ROADS, PASSING OUT HANDBILLS TO MOTORISTS AND PASSERS-BY.

5. FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF SMALLHOLDERS DEMOS (REF A) APPEARED IN TODAY'S PENANG "STAR" AND MALAY AND CHINESE PAPERS WHICH REPORTED WARNING BY EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED THAT STUDENTS SHOULD NOT STIR UP RURAL PROTESTS. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL FACULTY AND STUDENT CONTACTS AT UNIV. MALAYA, SMALLHOLDER ISSUE HAS NOT AROUSED PARTICULARLY WIDESPREAD SYMPATHY AMONG STUDENT BODY, AND SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO QUIET DOWN AS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR END-OF-TERM EXAMINATIONS IN MID-JANUARY.

6. COMMENT: POLICE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REMAIN ON ALERT TO NIP AND FURTHER DEMOS IN BUD AND THERE PROMISE THAT SMALLHOLDER UNREST MAY BE HEADED OFF BY FURTHER RISES IN RUBBER PRICE (REF B). UNDERHILL

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